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the revised proposals sent to the Government of India, this scheme has been excluded from the Plan in view of the need for restricting expenditure to the limit of the resources available.

*Tapioca industry*

* 347-A *Q.*—SRI K. T. RAJU (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Director of Agriculture has submitted any proposals during 1956 for the development of tapioca industry in this State; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Does not arise.

*Exemption from sales tax*

* 347-B *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Centre during 1956 suggesting that essential articles of food, etc., in the State may be exempted from sales tax;

(*b*) if so, the action taken by this Government thereon;

(*c*) whether the Retail Merchants' Association, Madras, has made a representation to the Government during September 1956 requesting that a committee may be appointed to enquire into the grievances of the dealers in regard to the collection of sales tax by the Government; and

(*d*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No action was considered necessary as the Government of India have under consideration a proposal to appoint a committee to study the working of Sales Tax Acts in the States.

*Turnover of dealers for registration*

* 347-C *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Retail Merchants' Association, Madras, has made a representation to the Government during September 1956 that the turnover for registration may be increased from Rs. 7,500 to Rs. 10,000 and that the taxable turnover may be increased from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 30,000?